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**THE CENTRAL EUROPE COBRAMAN PROJECT OPENS THE INFO POINT IN KRANJ  
AND FREES THE BROWNFIELD SITE IN BYDGOSZCZ FROM POLLUTION**

May and June bring good news in the COBRAMAN: *Manager Coordinating Brownfield Redevelopment Activities* project. First, it is the Slovenian investment that was completed.

The opening ceremony of the COBRAMAN info point at the Kranj railway station was held on 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2012. The site was officially opened by the Mayor of the City of Kranj, Mohor Bogataj and by the representative of Slovenian Railways, Jelka Funduk Šinkovec. The representative of the City of Bydgoszcz, Lead Partner of the COBRAMAN project, Grzegorz Boron presented an overview of the COBRAMAN project and covered the brownfield issue in Europe. COBRAMAN info point is the first centre for promotion and information on brownfields in Slovenia. The centre provides information on brownfield sites in Kranj and generally on the COBRAMAN project. There is a free Wi-Fi zone in the Info Point, tourist information, bicycle parking place, train departure and arrival timetable. Info Point is made for public use and all visitors are kindly invited to Kranj to check the brownfields Info Point for themselves.

Secondly, it is the moment that the long process of remediation and redevelopment of the contaminated site in Bydgoszcz, Poland came to an end in June this year. The soil quality had remained an issue there due to the 150-year-long industrial use associated with the processes of gas treatment and production of tar board. The investigations had revealed the existence of PAHs, BTEXs, phenols and oils. The remediation works have finished and the site covering the 0,1130 ha area located in the city centre at the Brda River side has gained a brand new face. Forget the contamination and the shrubby neglected place frequented mostly by the local vagabonds that it used to be. After the remediation, the area has been developed into a playground for kiddies. A new attractive apartment zone was built on the north side of the COBRAMAN area which also enhanced its new image. The development works have allowed the small area to become a tiny haven for families with their kids in the busy city centre.

More information you shall find on the COBRAMAN project website [www.cobraman-ce.eu](http://www.cobraman-ce.eu).